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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during August 2016 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was up 12 percent from August 2015. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 654,000 pounds live weight, up 7 percent from August 2015. Cattle slaughter totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 31 pounds from the previous year, at 1,201 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 311,000 pounds live weight, up 23 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,200 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 12 pounds from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.43 billion pounds in August, up 14 percent from the 3.90 billion pounds produced in August 2015.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 17 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, up 18 percent from August 2015. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,352 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.1 million pounds, 6 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 40,900 head, up 19 percent from August 2015. The average live weight was down 63 pounds from last year, at 255 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.15 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.39 million head, up 11 percent from August 2015. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 276 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was up 7 percent from August 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,700 head, 11 percent above last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 4 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2016 commercial red meat production was 32.7 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2015. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

August 2015 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. August 2016 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CATTLE ON FEED

United States - Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.1 million head on September 1, 2016. The inventory was 1 percent above September 1, 2015.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.88 million head, 15 percent above 2015. Net placements were 1.84 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 290,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 429,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 800,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.87 million head, 18 percent above 2015.

Other disappearance totaled 41,000 head during August, 32 percent below 2015.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

United States - Poultry certified wholesome during August 2016 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled a record 4.22 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in August 2015. The July 2016 revised certified total at 3.78 billion pounds, was down 5 percent from July 2015. The July revision represented an increase of 8.49 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during August 2016 was a record 5.58 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 5.18 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled a record 4.81 billion pounds, up 6 percent from August 2015. Mature chickens, at 73.2 million pounds, were up 14 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 673 million pounds, up 20 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.4 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2016 averaged 6.09 pounds per bird, down slightly from August 2015. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.86 pounds per bird, down 8 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2016 averaged 30.0 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from August 2015.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2016 totaled 14.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.26 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 40.7 million pounds, were 0.95 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.97 percent a year earlier.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

United States - Egg production totaled 8.58 billion during August 2016, up 10 percent from last year. Production included 7.44 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 92.2 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2016 averaged 358 million, up 7 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,395 eggs, up 3 percent from August 2015.

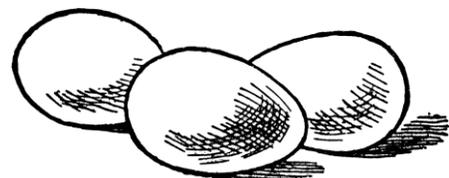
All layers in the United States on September 1, 2016 totaled 360 million, up 7 percent from last year. The 360 million layers consisted of 302 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.66 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2016, averaged 76.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from September 1, 2015.

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2016 totaled 43.9 million, down 7 percent from August 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 44.0 million on September 1, 2016, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 242 thousand during August 2016, up 46 percent from August 2015.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2016 totaled 808 million, up 1 percent from August 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 648 million on September 1, 2016, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.69 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2016, down 3 percent from August 2015.



CASH RECEIPTS

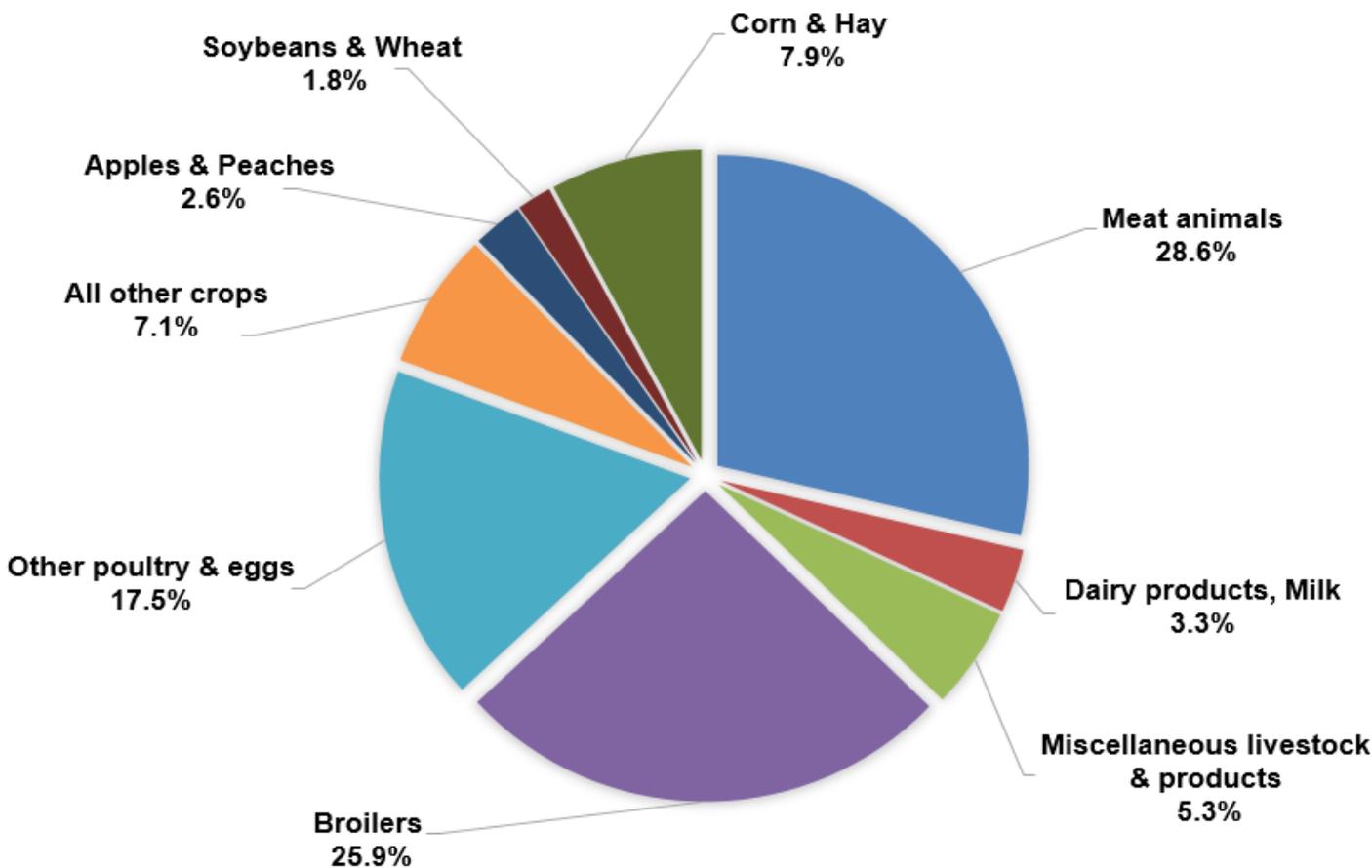
Charleston, West Virginia - The 2015 cash receipts from farm marketings for all agricultural commodities in West Virginia totaled 739,582,000 dollars, a decrease of 92.6 million dollars from 2014. Receipts from marketing livestock and livestock products accounted for 80.6 percent of the State total. Cash receipts from crops accounted for 19.4 percent of the 2015 total.

The largest contributor to the agricultural marketings in the State continues to be poultry and eggs. Cash

receipts from the poultry industry, which includes broilers, eggs and turkeys, accounted for 43.4 percent of the State total. The second leading contributor was cattle and calves which accounted for 28.5 percent of the total in 2015.

Nationally, West Virginia ranked 26th for cash receipts from poultry and eggs. Broilers were the main contributor accounting for 25.9 percent of cash receipts in the State. West Virginia ranked 20th in the nation for cash receipts from broilers. Other highly ranked West Virginia commodities include farm chicken receipts at 13th in the nation, turkey receipts at 14th in the nation, trout receipts at 15th in the nation, apple receipts at 18th in the nation, and peach receipts at 14th in the nation.

Cash Receipts: Selected Commodities, West Virginia, 2015



CERTIFIED ORGANIC PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released its 2015 Certified Organic Production Report from the survey conducted earlier this year. The survey queried all known USDA-certified organic farms across West Virginia.

In 2015, West Virginia's USDA-certified organic farms sold a total of \$3.9 million in organically produced commodities, including \$3.6 million in sales of livestock, poultry and their products, and \$244,000 in crops sales. Milk led all sales totaling \$3.2 million, or 83 percent of all sales. Average sales were \$241,313 per farm.

There were 16 certified organic farms in 2015, comprising 2,439 acres of land. Forty-one percent, or 1,008 acres, is cropland, and 1,431 is in pasture. An additional 65 acres are transitioning to organic production on certified farms.

In West Virginia, 63 percent of the farms sold at least some products directly to consumers, via farm stands, farmers' markets, Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs), and other arrangements. Nineteen percent sold to retail or food service, and 44 percent of farms used wholesale markets. Three farms sold products through a CSA.

Of the 16 operators, 56 percent have been farming less than 10 years, and 44 percent have grown or raised certified organic products less than five years. Nine farms plan to increase production during the next five years and seven expect to maintain production.

The 2015 Certified Organic Production Report provides acreage, production and sales data for a variety of certified organic crops and inventory and sales data for certified organic livestock commodities. The 2015 Certified Organic Production Survey included all known farm operators who produced certified organic crops and/or livestock.



Current surveys:

Agricultural Labor - now through November 1st
CEAP Phase II - now through January 25, 2017



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